

Coins

Put your numismatic savvy to a second test

By Roger Boye

IF YOU DID poorly on the last coin quiz, this one will give you another chance to prove your numismatic know-how. If you did well the last time, you should do even better on these easier questions:

1. What do the letters "V.D.B." stand for on the reverse of some of the 1909 Lincoln cents?
2. What series of United States coins has been minted continuously since 1793 except for the lapse of one year [1815]?
3. Name the five Presidents immortalized on both U.S. coins [regular issue or commemorative] and small-size paper money.
4. Which regular-issue U.S. coin was the first to bear the motto "In God We Trust"?
5. What is the only regular-issue coin commonly identified by the design on the tails side,

rather than the design on the heads side?

6. What object is included in the reverse designs of the Franklin half-dollar and the new Bicentennial dollar coins?

7. Has a single U.S. coin ever sold for more than \$100,000?

8. Name the locations of the two U.S. Mints which operated for the 23 years before the start of the Civil War. These mints made gold coins only.

9. In what year in this century were the designs of three U.S. silver coins changed?

10. What is the most beautifully designed non-commemorative U.S. silver coin of the 20th Century?

ANSWERS:

1. Initials of the coin's designer, Victor D. Brenner.
2. The 1-cent piece.